

WEATHER

TEMPERATURES

The month of **January** was one of the warmest on record as it started with above normal temperatures in the 60s and the warmer weather continued through the month with mostly cold overnight temperatures in the teens and 20s. The monthly average temperature was 40 degrees, compared to 35 degrees in 2005. Colder air arrived in the beginning of **February**, but warmer temperatures in the 70s appeared again in the middle of the month with very cold overnight lows in the single digits. The monthly average temperature was 34 degrees, compared to 36 degrees in 2005. **March** started with temperatures gradually increasing and staying close to normal then in the middle of the month, cooler temperatures arrived and continued through the end of the month. The monthly average temperature was 42 degrees, compared to 38 degrees in 2005. Temperatures warmed up in **April** with readings in the 70s and 80s. The monthly average temperature was 56 degrees, compared to 54 degrees in 2005. The beginning of **May** started dry and then became damp and chilly in the second week and stayed that way, warming up at the end of the month. The monthly average temperature was 59 degrees, compared to 58 degrees in 2005. **June** started out with warm temperatures in the 80s and 90s, but cooled down a little in the second week to the end of the month as rain moved in, bringing down temperatures. The monthly average temperature was 68 degrees, compared to 72 degrees in 2005. **July** had temperatures in the 90s with a brief period of cooler weather in the third week. The monthly average temperature was 74 degrees, compared to 76 degrees in 2005. **August** was hot with humid temperatures. The monthly average temperature was 74 degrees, compared to 75 degrees in 2005. In **September** temperatures started to cool down with the help of heavy thunderstorms throughout the month. The monthly average temperature was 63 degrees, compared to 69 degrees in 2005. **October** started off with warmer temperatures in the 80s and later became cooler with frost and freeze warnings being issued for many communities. The monthly average temperature was 52 degrees, compared to 56 degrees in 2005. Temperatures reached into the 70s for a couple of afternoons with cooler nights in the teens at the beginning of the month of **November**, cooling down a bit at the end of the month. The monthly average temperature was 46 degrees, the same as 2005. **December** started with cooler temperatures and warmed up in the middle of the month through the end with unusually warm weather in the 60s. The monthly average temperature was 40 degrees, compared to 31 degrees in 2005.

PRECIPITATION

January had a rainy start, especially in the eastern panhandle that continued through the month, tapering off at the end. The monthly average precipitation was 3.50 inches, compared to 3.80 inches in 2005. This **February** was one of the driest in many years, but dry, cold air brought snow to the state this month. The monthly average precipitation was 1.19 inches, compared to 2.18 inches in 2005. **March** started out dry but scattered showers and thunderstorms brought precipitation and the month ended with a mix of snow and rain, mostly in the southern parts of the state. The average monthly precipitation was 1.64 inches, compared to 3.71 inches in 2005. Heavy showers and hail brought **April** in with a bang and rain continued through out, with drier conditions in the last week. The monthly average precipitation was 4.23 inches, compared to 3.57 inches in 2005. Mostly the southern sections of the state had light rain in the beginning of **May** and the month ended with some heavy showers and hail. The monthly average precipitation was 2.49 inches, compared to 3.49 inches in 2005. **June** was mostly rainy except for one very dry week that was followed by another wet week as a weak front stalled over the state at the end of the month. The monthly average precipitation was 5.92 inches, compared to 1.66 inches last year. **July** had periods of scattered rain and isolated thunderstorms, making very wet conditions throughout the month. The monthly average precipitation was 4.21 inches, compared to 4.99 inches in 2005. **August** started dry, but in the second week, heavy thunderstorms hit the southern communities. Rain showers were scattered throughout the month. The monthly average precipitation was 3.59 inches, compared to 4.09 inches in 2005. In the beginning of **September**, slow-moving thunderstorms brought excessive rain and damaging hail, along with flooding to many areas. The month ended with scattered rain and thunderstorms. The monthly average precipitation was 4.88 inches, compared to 0.73 of an inch in 2005. **October** was a wet and rainy month with a flood watch being issued at the end of the month. The monthly average precipitation was 4.78 inches, compared to 3.87 inches in 2005. **November** was unusually wet with the northern part of the state getting the most rain, but drier weather moved in at the end of the month. The monthly average precipitation was 2.87 inches, compared to 3.41 inches in 2005. **December** had a mix of drier weather with scattered rain. The monthly average precipitation was 1.63 inches, compared to 2.23 inches in 2005.

FREEZE DATES: Last Freeze Temperature In Spring and First in Fall, By State Divisions, 2004-2006

Division & Station	2004		2005		2006	
	Last in Spring	First in Fall	Last in Spring	First in Fall	Last in Spring	First in Fall
NORTH CENTRAL & NORTHWESTERN						
Weston	May 5	Oct 18	May 3	Oct 25	Apr 11	Oct 13
Fairmont	May 5	Nov 9	Apr 25	Oct 25	Apr 10	Oct 13
Middlebourne	May 5	Oct 18	May 6	Oct 25	May 23	Oct 13
Parkersburg	May 4	Oct 18	May 4	Oct 29	Apr 27	Oct 13
Glenville	May 5	Nov 6	May 3	Oct 29	Apr 11	Oct 13
SOUTHWESTERN & SOUTHERN						
Huntington-AP	May 4	Nov 9	May 3	Oct 27	Apr 10	Oct 13
Charleston-AP	Apr 28	Nov 9	May 3	Oct 29	Apr 10	Oct 13
Pineville	Apr 29	Nov 6	May 4	Oct 30	Apr 11	Oct 13
Union	May 5	Oct 12	May 4	Oct 27	Apr 11	Oct 13
Beckley-AP	May 4	Oct 17	May 3	Oct 24	Apr 10	Oct 12
EAST CENTRAL & NORTHEASTERN						
Elkins-AP	May 4	Oct 6	May 5	Oct 27	May 25	Oct 13
Moorefield	May 4	Oct 18	May 7	Oct 25	May 23	Oct 13
Wardensville	Apr 17	Oct 12	May 5	Oct 27	May 7	Oct 13
Martinsburg-AP	Apr 16	Oct 18	May 7	Oct 28	Apr 27	Oct 13

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